

The Critical Coastal Areas Program

Yet Another State Program?
Yet More Meetings?



Identification of Need

- Focus on coastal watersheds with polluted runoff
- Prioritization of issues in collaborative, increasingly politicized, stakeholder-driven environment
- Coordination of resources
- Tech transfer and development of management and decision tools

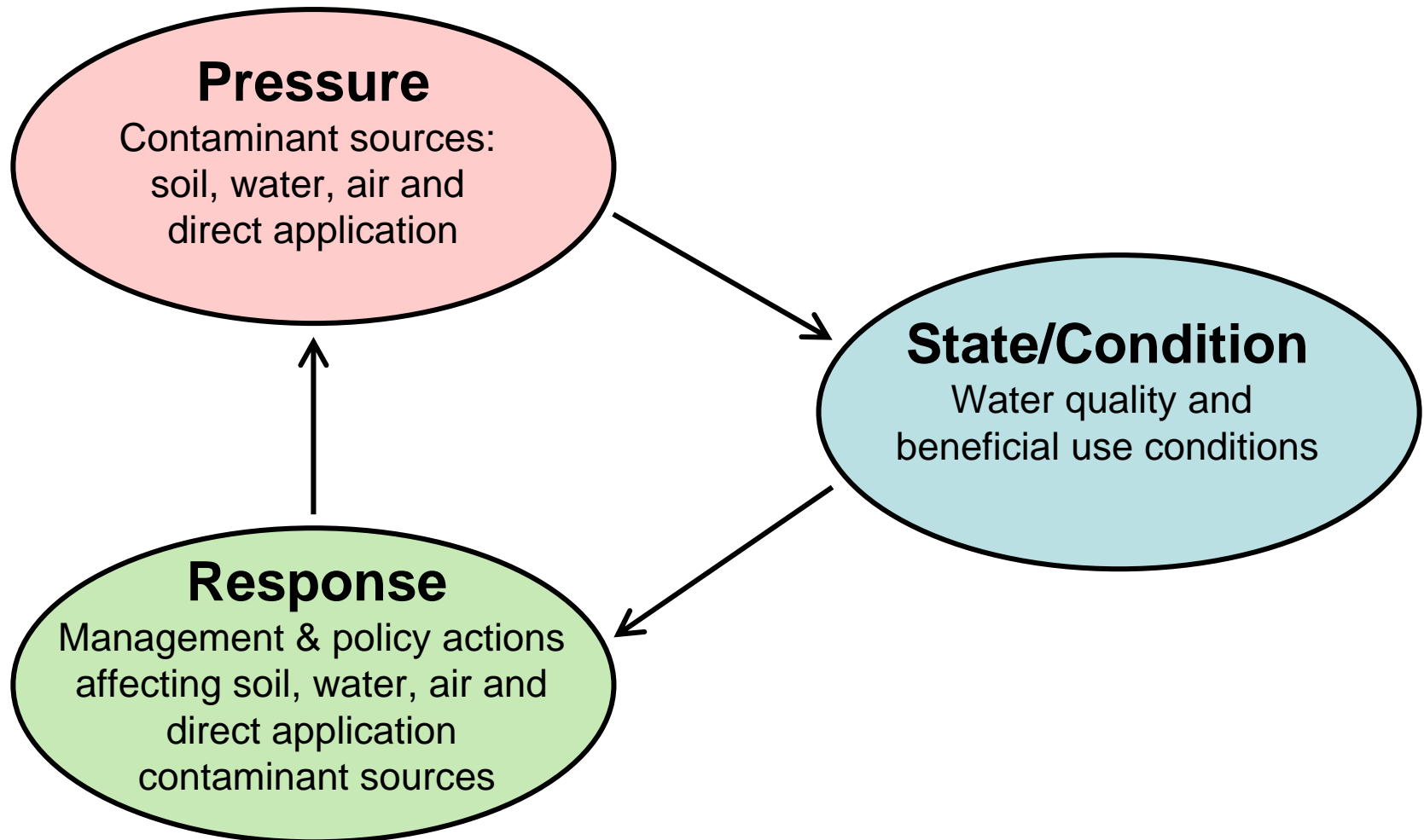
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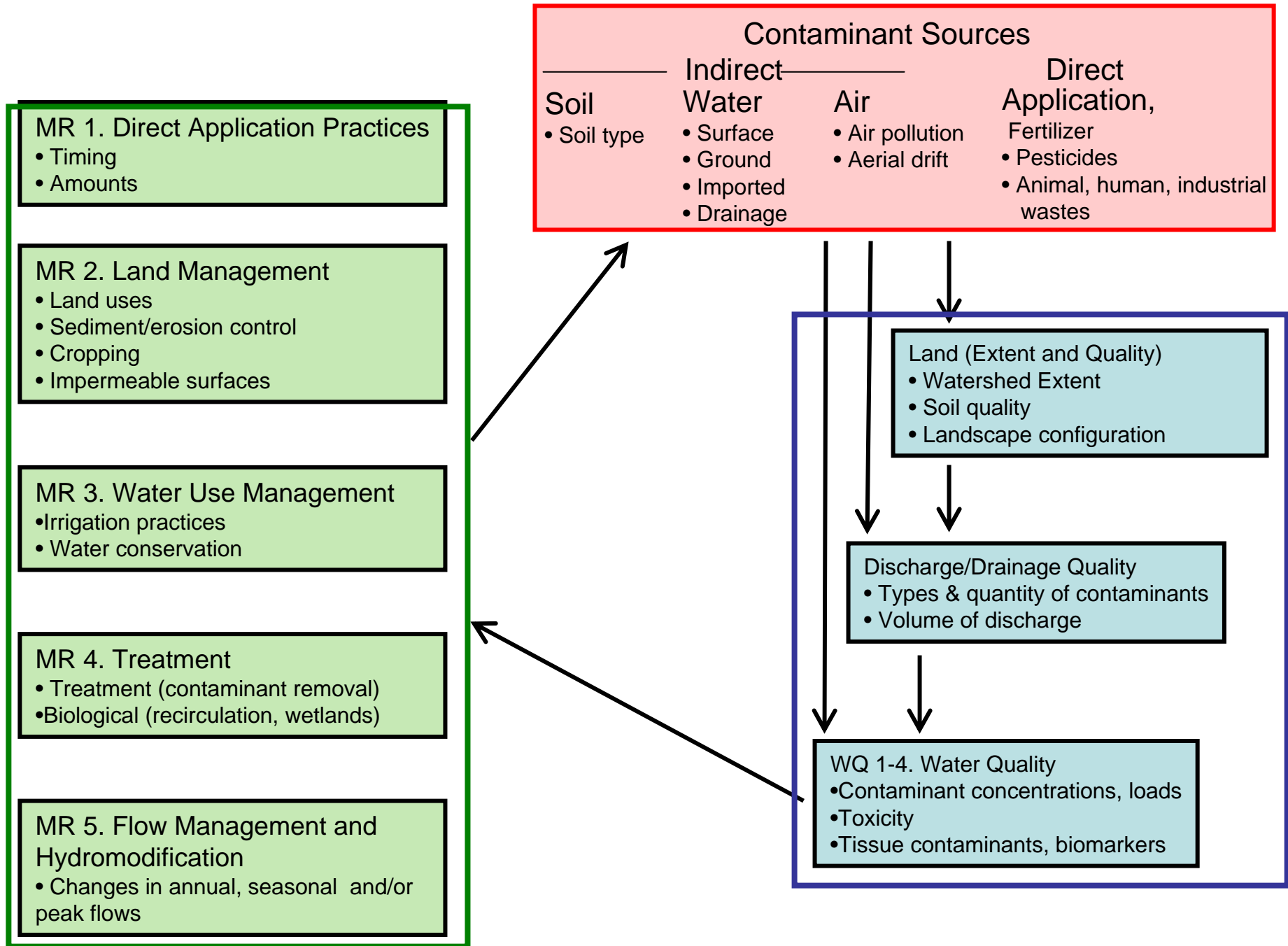
- Actions are rarely following a systematic line of inquiry and applied mostly randomly by trial and error
- Government “Silo” Phenomenon
- Basic data are lacking at the sufficient scale to identify opportunities
- Frequent disconnect between land use planning and WQ protection

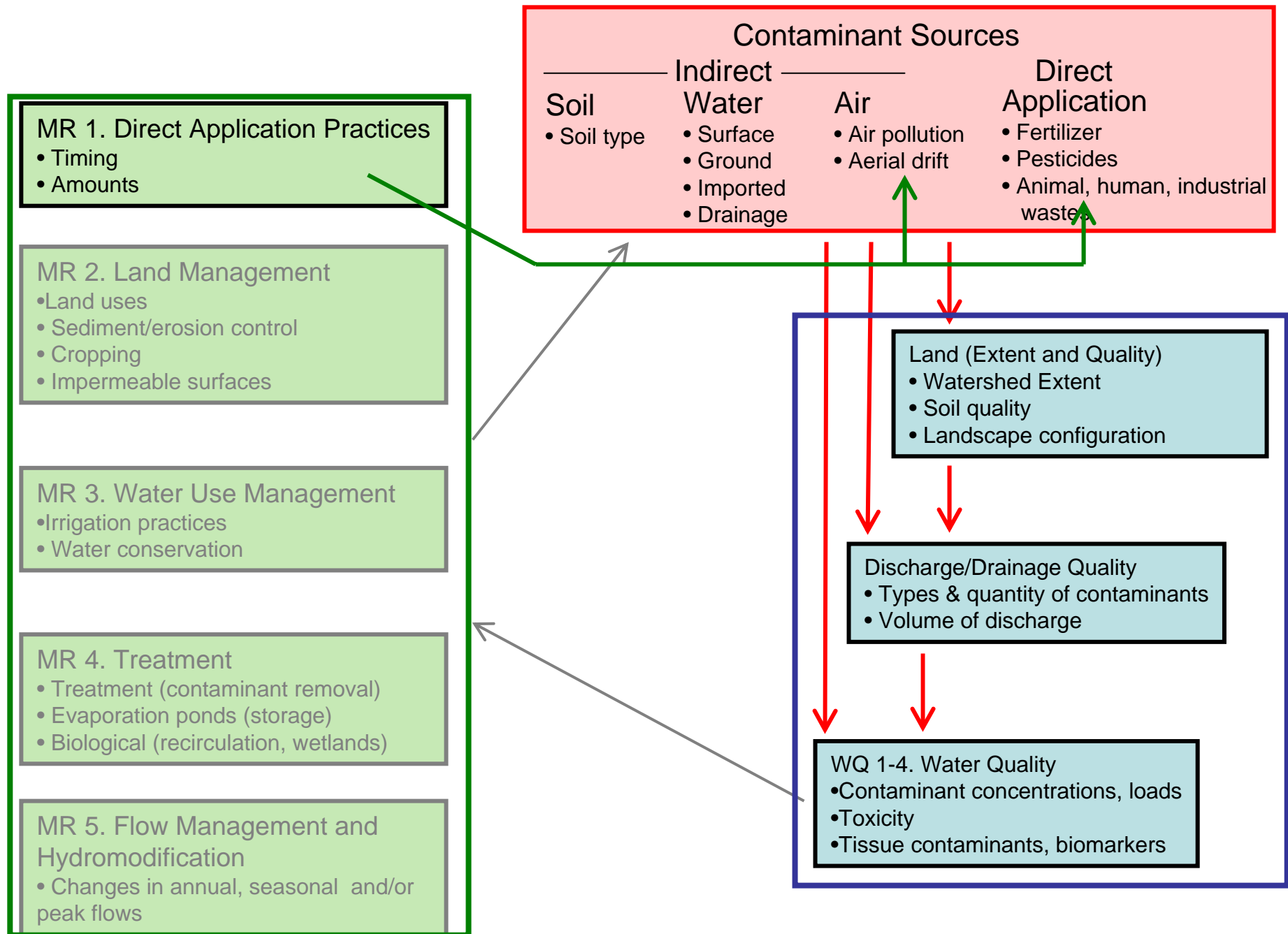
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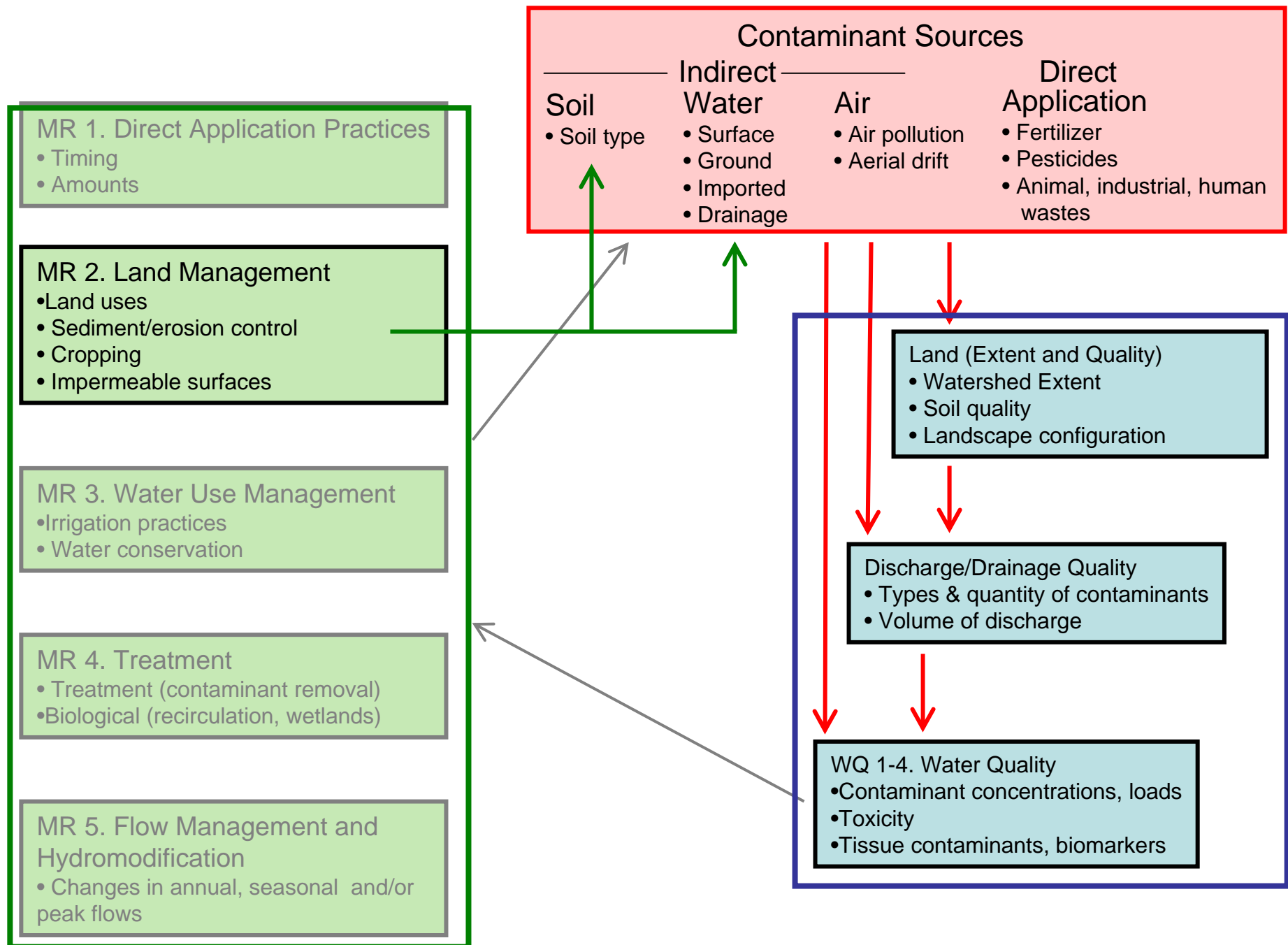
- Regulatory environment is unsettled
- Coastal hydrologic regime can be challenging
- No clear linkages between land-based sources of pollution and marine biological health

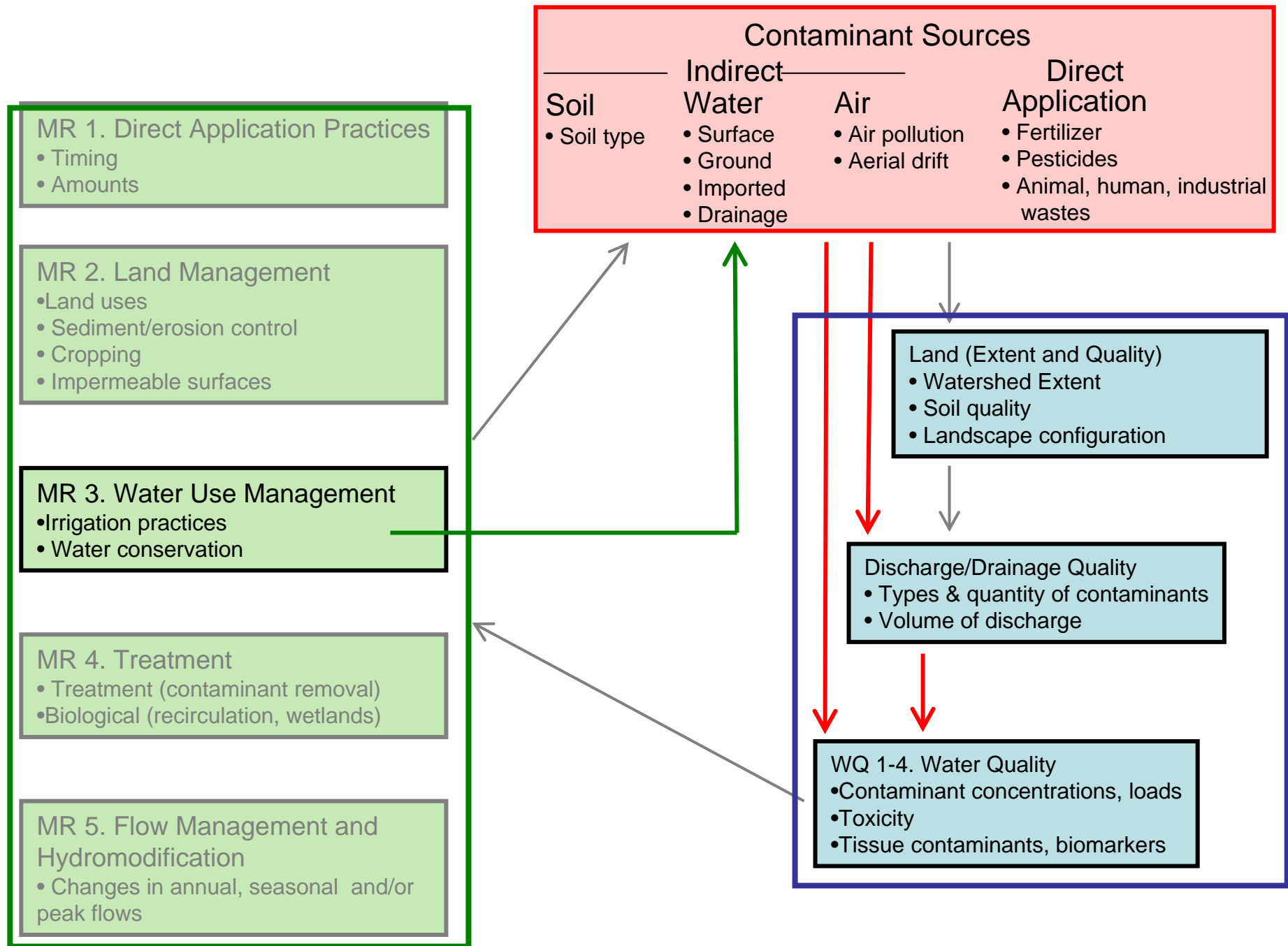
Modified “Pressure – State – Response” Model for water quality and management response

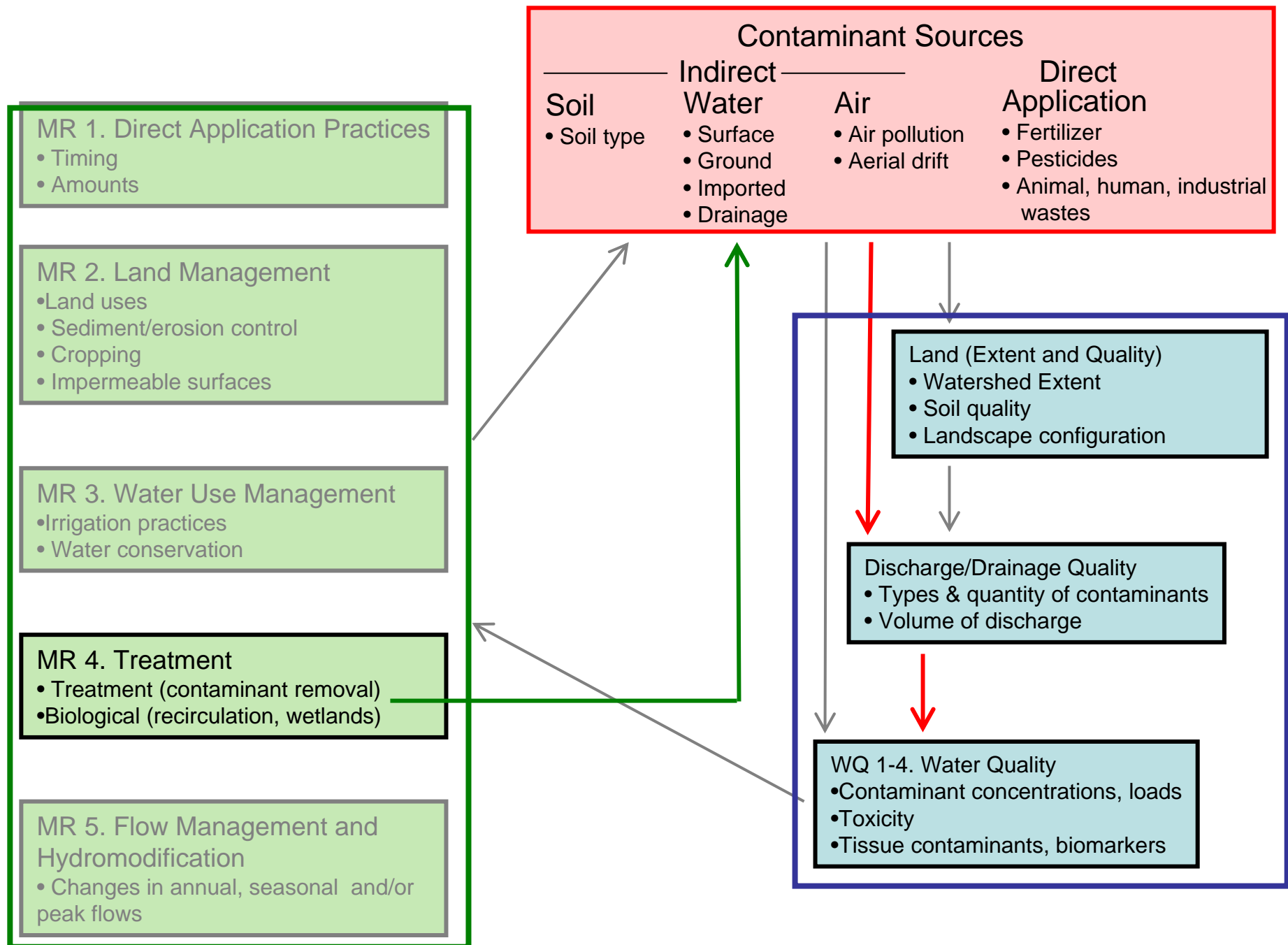


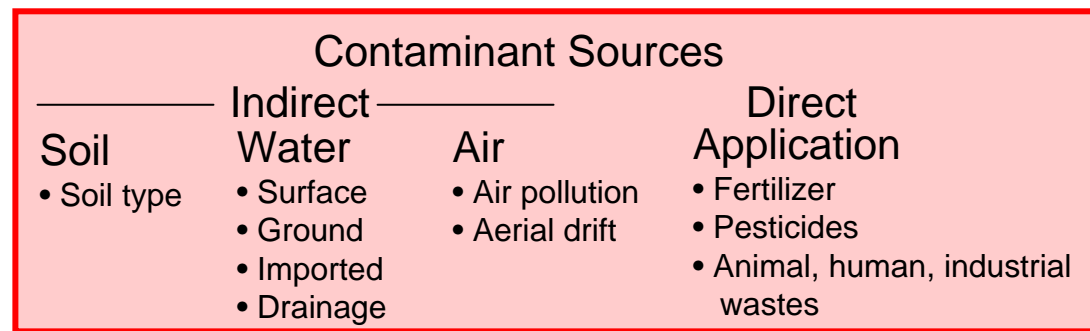












MR 1. Direct Application Practices

- Timing
- Amounts

MR 2. Land Management

- Land retirement
- Land uses
- Sediment/erosion control
- Cropping
- Impermeable surfaces

MR 3. Water Use Management

- Source water management
- Irrigation practices
- Water conservation

MR 4. Treatment

- Treatment (contaminant removal)
- Biological (recirculation, wetlands)

MR 5. Flow Management and Hydromodification

- Changes in annual, seasonal and/or peak flows

Land (Extent and Quality)

- Watershed Extent
- Soil quality
- Landscape configuration

Discharge/Drainage Quality

- Types & quantity of contaminants
- Volume of discharge

WQ 1-4. Water Quality

- Contaminant concentrations, loads
- Toxicity
- Tissue contaminants, biomarkers

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